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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM ROMANIAN SEAMAN

JANAIT

REF: (A) BRASILIA 8213

(B) STATE 236159

(C) RIO 4443

SUMMARY: CASE OF ROMANIAN SEAMAN WHO JUMPED SHIP AND REQUESTED ASYLUM AT CONGEN RIO IN DECEMBER 1973. APPEARS TO BE COMING TO CONCLUSION. BRAZIL LIKELY TO AUTHORIZE PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR HIM. END SUMMARY.

1. VIRGILIU PANAIT, ROMANIAN NATIONAL WHO JUMPED SHIP IN RIO NOVEMBER 30, 1973, REQUESTED ASYLUM AT CONGEN RIO DECEMBER 1, AND DECEMBER 3 LEFT CONGEN AND DISAPPEARED IN RIO (REF A AND C), REAPPEARED AT CONGEN AT ABOUT 0930 JANUARY 24. THIS TIME HE INITIALLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN GETTING TO US. SAID HE WAS "HAVING DIFFICULTY" ESTABLISHING HIMSELF HERE. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT RPT NOT REITERATE EARLIER SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR EITHER ASYLUM OR REFUGE.

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2. PANAIT WAS INFORMED THAT HE OF COURSE MIGHT APPLY FOR VISA. HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT, ON BASIS CONVERSATION WITH HIM IN DECEMBER, IT APPEARED DOUBTFUL HE COULD QUALIFY FOR EITHER IV OR NIV. CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO DESIRABILITY OF HIS CONTACTING BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE. PANAIT AGREED AND CONGEN ARRANGED APPOINTMENT FOR AFTERNOON JANUARY 24 WITH RIO BRANCH OF FONOFF, PER REF B.

3. DURING SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH RIO REPRESENTATIVE FONOFF PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT, IT DEVELOPED THAT PANAIT HAD CONTACTED FOREIGNERS' DIVISION OF MIN JUSTICE IN RIO SHORTLY AFTER HIS DECEMBER VISIT TO CONGEN. (HE HAD NOT TOLD CONGEN OFFICERS OF THIS.) HE HAS PROVISIONAL ID CARD ISSUED BY MIN JUSTICE AND IS DOING ODD JOBS IN RIO. APARENTLY MINJUSTICE OFFICIALS HAD INDIVIDUALLY TAKEN UP COLLECTION AND GIVEN HIM SOME FUNDS WHICH HE USED TO BUY NEW SHIRT, TIE, PANTS. WHEN HE APPEARED AT CONGEN HE WAS CLEAN SHAVEN, NEAT IN APPEARANCE. HE APPEARS TO HAVE FOUND LODGING AT NO COST TO HIMSELF.

4. RIO OFFICIALS OF MIN JUSTICE APPEAR TO BE FULLY INCLINED ISSUE HIM PERMANENT DOCUMENTATION WHICH WILL PERMIT HIM ESTABLISH RESIDENCE HERE AND ALSO SEEK MORE REMUNERATIVE WORK. THEY SUBMITTED SUCH RECOMMENDATION TO FONOFF IN BRASILIA FOR CLEARANCE ON DECEMBER 12. HOWEVER DUE TO ABSENCE OF HEAD OF CONSULAR SECTION, ON LEAVE, NO RESPONSE HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING TO DATE.

5. CONGEN OFFICERS ACCOMPANIED PANAIT TO APPOINTMENT WITH RIO FONOFF REP. AFTER CHECKING WITH BRASILIA, FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID HEAD OF CONSULAR SECTION WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO WORK JANUARY 28, AND THAT MIN JUSTICE SHOULD BE INFORMED RE BRASILIA RESPONSE BY MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. CLEARLY LOCAL REPS EXPECT DECISION TO BE IN PANAIT'S FAVOR, WITH ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT RESIDENT PERMIT FOLLOWING SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

6. BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS HERE APPEAR TO HAVE ACCEPTED FULLY THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THIS CASE.  
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THEY APPEAR TO BE ENTIRELY SYMPATHETIC TO PANAIT'S SITUATION AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE ABLE RESOLVE IT SHORTLY. SINCE PANAIT'S CHANNELS WITH BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES ARE NOW WELL ESTABLISHED, ANY FURTHER USG INVOLVEMENT IN HIS CASE SHOULD BE COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY.  
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